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TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to the "Telegraph."]

GERMANY'S PEACE OFFER.

COLD RECEPTION BY ALLIES AND NEUTRALS.

A COWARDLY THREAT TO BELGIUM.

December 13, 4.35 a.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Washington says that Germany proposes complete restoration of the occupied portions of Belgium and France and also the return of Germany's colonies, with a settlement of the Balkan situation by a Peace Conference.

Belgium Urged to Insist on Peace.

December 13, 5.40 a.m.
The Daily Telegraph learns from an unimpeachable source, that Germany invited Belgium to insist on an immediate peace, in return for a guarantee of her independence, financial assistance and rehabilitation.

In the event of a refusal, Belgium was informed that the existence of her monuments, public buildings and even her towns would be threatened.

Unanimous British Repudiation.

December 13, 6.25 a.m.
Germany's peace proposals are unanimously and emphatically repudiated by the whole British Press.

The Morning Post describes them as "a cunning and desperate attempt to forestall the penalty of military failure." It also says that it is a proposal, not of peace, but of an armistice, which the Allies are bound to decline, as they did the German request last September after the defeat on the Somme and at Verdun.

The Times says it is a symptom of Germany's conscious weakness that she has most lamentably failed to induce the United States to offer mediation, and now she falls back on an indirect offer to the belligerents. The Allies must refuse to even talk about an armistice until the occupied territories are restored and compensated.

The Daily Chronicle comments that Germany can have peace any day on our terms.

The Daily Telegraph says that Germany has reached the zenith of her power and is on the crest of the wave before the inevitable descent.

The Daily News states that the Allies cannot enter into peace negotiations on the basis offered by Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg.

The Daily Mail says that Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg is no more entitled to a reply than a burglar in a private house.

Some Alleged Peace Terms.

December 13, 7.15 a.m.
Reuter's correspondent at New York says that the evening papers publish a number of alleged German peace terms, none from official sources. The statements include the restoration of Serbia by Austria-Hungary, Constantinople by Turkey, the restoration to Bulgaria of all the territory she lost in the second Balkan War, and the restoration to Austria of all the territory captured by Italy.

Rumours of Dispute Between Enemy Monarchs.

December 13, 7.15 a.m.
In Amsterdam, the peace proposals are regarded as an admission that the confidence of the Central Powers is shaken, and this is connected with rumours of a grave dispute between the Kaiser and the Austrian Emperor.

After the Speech.

December 13, 7.15 a.m.
A Dutch correspondent present in the Reichstag says that Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, at the conclusion of his speech, sank into his chair completely overcome and scarcely conscious of his surroundings. The Chamber was most excited, and the whole city is in a state of feverish tension. There were unprecedented crowds outside the Reichstag.

France Considers Proposals "Contemptible."

December 13, 2.15 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Paris says the papers agree that the peace proposals are contemptible, and are a new manoeuvre with the object of dividing the Allies and influencing opinion in Germany and neutral countries. In view of Germany's habit of preparing aggressions under the cover of negotiations, it behoves the Allies to beware.

A Cunning Attempt to Sow Dissension.

December 13, 2.50 p.m.
Reuter learns that there will be probably no official British pronouncement on the German peace proposals until the Allies have been consulted.

Meanwhile, the unanimity of the Press reflects the unanimity the Governments and peoples of the Allies.

If the proposals are based, as is shrewdly suspected, on a German pose as victors, they are foredoomed to failure.

The offer is regarded as a cunning attempt to sow dissension among the Allies, by proposing terms agreeable to some and unacceptable to others.

There is also strong evidence of German knowledge that they can never win the war, and that they have almost run their course. There may still be periods of strain and stress, but no reply is possible except that the war can only end when the objects of the Allies have been achieved.

"A Piece of Political Chicanery."

December 13, 4.25 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at New York states that the papers agree that the German offer is a piece of political chicanery, with the object of bolstering up Germany's cause at home and abroad. "Germany officially admits that the war is a failure, and that Germany cannot dominate Europe."

The New York Times points out that Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg did not mention the Allied declarations regarding the destruction of Prussian militarism, and remarks that this omission is significant and also fatal.

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GERMANY'S CASUALTIES.

Total of Nearly Four Millions.

December 13, 3.30 p.m.
The German casualties are officially reported for November as totalling 166,176, of which 28,729 were killed. These make Germany's total casualties during the war 3,921,869, of which 889,957 were killed.

ON THE WESTERN FRONT.

December 13, 4.20 p.m.
A French communique reports comparative calm on the whole of the Western front.

THE BALKAN STRUGGLE.

Lively Fighting Near Monastir.

December 13, 4.20 p.m.
A French communique states that there has been violent artillery firing as well as lively fighting to the north of Monastir. The Italians repulsed a Bulgarian counter-attack.

FRENCH MILITARY CHANGES.

An Interesting Announcement.

December 13, 8.15 p.m.
There are rumours of pending changes in the French High Command, including the supersession of General Joffre, who may be given the rank of Marshal and the Presidency of the Allied War Board. General Nivelle, the captor of Douaumont, aged sixty, and only a Colonel at the outbreak of the war, will become Generalissimo. General Castelnau, Joffre's Chief of Staff, is also retiring, and M. Painleve will become War Minister in succession of M. Roques, who will presumably be given a command in the field.

New Generalissimo for Western Front.

December 13, 4.05 a.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Paris, it is officially announced that General Nivelle has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the armies in the north and north-east.

General Joffre's Appointment.

December 13, 7.15 a.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Paris states that General Joffre has been appointed Generalissimo at home and abroad, while General Nivelle has been appointed Generalissimo on the Western front.

THE FRENCH WAR CABINET.

The New Appointments.

December 13, 4.35 a.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Paris states that the new Cabinet numbers ten members, while a War Committee has been appointed, comprising M. Briand, Premier; M. Ribot, Minister of Finance; General Lyautey, Minister of War; M. Loeaer, Minister of Marine; and M. Thomas, Minister of Munitions.

General Joffre, as Generalissimo, will attend the Committee as technical military adviser, while technical directors will be appointed in regard to mines and merchant shipping.

SPAIN AND SUBMARINES.

Revictualling Prohibited.

December 13, 5.40 a.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Madrid says that a Bill has been introduced into the Chamber prohibiting the revictualling of belligerent submarines outside territorial waters. Draconic penalties are provided.

RESIDENT GENERAL OF MOROCCO.

December 13, 5.40 a.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Paris says that General Gouraud has been appointed Resident General of Morocco.

REPORTED SUNKEN STEAMERS SAFE.

December 13, 7.15 a.m.
The British steamer Tanfield and the Belgian steamer Keltier, previously reported sunk, have arrived in port. The Norwegian steamer Agder, the Danish boat Inger, a Swedish schooner and a Danish barque have been sunk.

CAPTURED BRITISH SKIPPER.

Suggested Warning to Germany

December 13, 7.15 a.m.
The Times says that Great Britain should immediately intimate to Germany that if an attempt is made to harm Captain Blaikie, of the Caledonia, a German officer prisoner of the highest rank will be treated similarly.

IN THE BALKANS.

Russians Capture Trenches.

December 13, 7.15 p.m.
A Russian communique states: "South of the River Trotus in Moldavia we captured a line of trenches and repulsed counter-attacks with great losses."

The enemy is stubbornly resisting our advance north of Dornavair.

The Rumanians assumed the offensive on the high road between Mitil and Baxos, but was obliged to fall back.

At present the Rumanian Army occupies the front Bessara-Sargha-Unitat.

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FRENCH WAR COMMITTEE.

The Premier on the Outlook.

December 12, 5.00 a.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Paris, M. Briand, in the House of Deputies, outlined the reorganisation of the War Committee and its extended powers. He said: "Without exaggerated optimism we more than ever entertain the conviction of certain victory." The Eastern question was far from settled. To-morrow the new front would be mobilised in the same manner as the enemy front. He fore-shadowed the suppression of spirits. Referring to Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg's speech, the Premier said: "My duty is to put the country's mind on guard against possible poisoning." (Loud Cheers.)

FACTORY FIRE IN CANADA.

December 12, 5.20 p.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Ottawa, four people were killed, 12 are missing and 15 were injured in a fire which broke out at the Quaker Oats Factory at Peterborough, Ontario. The damage is estimated at \$300,000.

IRISH PARTY AND NEW GOVERNMENT.

December 12, 5.20 p.m.
The Irish party has decided to await the Government's declaration on its Irish policy before deciding on any attitude towards the Government.

The party declared that it favoured a vigorous prosecution of the war, and again demanded Home Rule and the abolition of martial law in Ireland. The party reaffirmed its hostility towards conscription.

NAVAL COMMAND IN GREEK WATERS.

December 13, 7.10 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Paris states that Admiral Gaochet replace Amiral de Fourmet in command of the Allied naval forces in Greek waters.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on an Extra.]

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

NATIONAL ORGANISATION FORECASTED FOR AUSTRALIA.

December 11, 2.20 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Melbourne says: Mr. Pearce in a speech forecasted national organisation and declared that the Government was determined to do its utmost to send reinforcements and material and munitions. Australia should send every bushel of wheat possible overseas. The speech was loudly cheered.

GERMANY'S PEACE FEELERS.

The Kaiser's Army Order.

December 12, 7.20 p.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam the Kaiser has issued an Army Order: "In sentiment of the victory which you have gained by your bravery, I and the Monarchs of the three Allied States have made the enemy peace offers. As it is uncertain whether the aim we have in view will be attained you have therefore to continue to resist and defeat the enemy."

The Chancellor's Speech.

December 12, 3.25 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam says the Reichstag was crowded and the galleries were thronged when Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the Imperial Chancellor, rose to speak. He said: "I shall be brief. Rumania entered the war to roll up our position and that of our Ally in the east. Simultaneously there was the grand offensive on the Somme, which was intended to pierce the western front, while renewed Italian attacks were meant to paralyse Austro-Hungary. The situation was serious but by God's help our troops withstood. The western front not only stands, but despite the Rumanian campaign is equipped with larger reserves of men and material than formerly but while on the Somme and the Carso a drum of fire resounded and the Rumanians launched troops on the eastern frontier, in Transylvania, General von Hindenburg captured the whole of western Wallachia and Bukharest, great stocks of grain, victuals and oil falling into our hands. Thus by sword strokes the foundations of our economic needs are laid. Our submarines have added to their heroic deeds. The famine spectre which our enemies intended for us now mercilessly pursues them. After the first year of war the Kaiser said his heart was filled with awe and determination. That is how we feel now. If the enemy counted on our weariness then he has been deceived."

The Chancellor concluded by intimating that he had asked the guardians of Germany's interests abroad, to transmit the peace proposals he had previously mentioned. The Pope had also been informed.

Dr. Bethmann-Hollweg added: "The German Empire is not a beleaguered fortress but a mighty army camp with unexhausted resources. Our enemies have evaded our previous declarations of readiness for peace, but the Kaiser considers the moment has arrived for an official peace move in the highest moral and religious sense of duty towards his people and mankind. Our enemies brought up the might-question of world-war in 1914; to-day we put the humanity-question of peace. We await our enemies' reply with the calm which our external and internal strength and clear conscience confer. If our enemies decline and if they wish to assume the world burden of horrors that ensues then every German heart will blaze up, anew with holy wrath."

(Continued on page 3.)

THE NEW ARCHBISHOP OF THE PHILIPPINES.

Dr. O'Doherty to be Inducted To-day.

To-day in Manila the induction of the Most Rev. Dr. O'Doherty, hitherto Bishop of Zamboanga, to the Primacy of the Philippines takes place. Dr. O'Doherty, it will be remembered, succeeded Archbishop Harty, who was very well known in Hongkong and who recently obtained the Pope's permission to resign his charge on the ground of ill health.

The new Primate has been working in the Philippines for nearly five years and is well known for his untiring efforts for the progress of religion, education and charitable work in the immense island of Mindanao. He was born in Ireland the year 1874 and has lived in Ireland, Spain and the United States. When leaving Ireland his departure was deeply regretted by all who knew him. Mr. John Dillon referred to him in a public speech as follows: "In connection with that matter I may be permitted to mention the name of one whose departure from amongst us has been a cause of sorrow to me personally, and I am sure to all the people, although that departure was caused by a well-deserved recognition of his great educational ability. I mean, Father O'Doherty."

The Archbishop lived in Salamanca during seven years. The position that he occupied was that of Rector of the College of Nobles to which he was appointed by the King of Spain. At the Madrid Eucharistic congress Dr. O'Doherty was president of the Irish section and while in Spain he was a contributor to many reviews and periodicals including the Oxford and Cambridge Review and the Irish Ecclesiastical Review. During his time in the Philippine Islands, remarks the Manila Daily Bulletin, many schools, churches and societies as well as a beautiful modern hospital mark his passage through the southern islands, and his interest in these works increases as time goes by.

Incident to the induction into office of Archbishop O'Doherty, very elaborate ceremonies are being held to-day. These were to begin at noon when all the bells in all the churches in the city were to be rung three times with three minutes interval each time. Later, parochial parades will take place in which church banners and standard will be displayed, accompanied by bands of music. At that same hour, representatives of the clergy both secular and regular, as well as representatives from all the Catholic organisations will proceed to the Seminary of San Carlos to act as escort to the new Archbishop in his triumphal entrance into the city and to the cathedral. Induction into office will follow. The Apostolic Delegate officiating, after which, following traditional ceremonies, all the clergy in the city swearing obedience to the new head of the Church in the Philippine Islands. Andre's Te Deum in four voices, accompanied by organ and orchestra, followed by Benediction, will close the ceremonies.

DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.

Hongkong University.—Conferring of degrees; 5.30 p.m.
Victoria Theatre.—9.15 p.m.
Bijon Theatre.—9.15 p.m.
New Hongkong Cinematograph.—9.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Green Island Cement Co.—Extraordinary general meeting; noon.
Theatre Royal.—Opening performance of "Kismet" by A.D.S.
Victoria Theatre.—9.15 p.m.
Bijon Theatre.—9.40 p.m.
New Hongkong Cinematograph.—9.15 p.m.
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GENERAL NEWS.

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Christmas Island, in the India
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as in the Times. Its sole wealth
consists in phosphate of lime, and
exports decreased from 150,000
tons in 1913 to 25,700 in 1915.
Formerly Germany and Austria
took large quantities of its
phosphates; in 1915 the whole
export went to Australia.

High Cost of Living of America.
Baltimore, December 5.—At a
meeting for the executive com-
mittee of the American Federa-
tion of Labour, held here yester-
day, Mr. Samuel Gompers, pre-
sident of the organisation, urged
that a federal investigation of the
high cost of living should be un-
dertaken at once, in order that
some relief from the present high
prices might be arranged for.

Insulted Chancellor.
Amsterdam, October 31.—
The Vorwärts Zeitung learns
that the Imperial Chancellor has
brought an action against Count
Ernst Reventlow, the well-known
editor of the Tagesneuzeitung for
an insult expressed at the famous
meeting of the Independent Com-
mittee for a German Peace which
was held some time ago in the
building of the Prussian Diet.

Sir Joseph Ward in the
Trenches.
London November 10.—Sir
Joseph Ward, Finance Min-
ister of Queensland, has just re-
turned to London from a visit to
the front, where, with Mr. Massey,
the New Zealand Prime Minister,
he was greatly impressed with the
thoroughness of the military
operations. At one point Mr.
Massey and Sir Joseph Ward
were within 1,200 yards of the
German firing line. Sir Joseph
Ward went into dug-outs, trench-
es, and places where shelling was
being actively carried on by the
enemy at intervals.

Wolfarm from Argentina.
Advice from the East Coast of
South America states that the
exploitation of the newly recog-
nized metal wolfarm, so particu-
larly useful in the making of
munitions, has lately increased in
an extraordinary manner. The
governor states that various new
veins have been discovered, the
ore being of good grade, and that
American and British firms had
contracted for large quantities.
The Government of the Argentine
have been appealed to, to further
the development of the Argentine
wolfarm industry, the finished
product of which commands such
high prices at the present mo-
ment, the more especially as the
British blockade prevents the
Germans obtaining the supply
they would best like.

The Hidden Plague.
A proposal that police court
magistrates should be empowered
to detain women found to be suffer-
ing from venereal disease, was
made recently by Lord Parmoor,
who urged that sufferers should be
compulsorily detained in hospital
until cured. This course ought
to be adopted as a means of re-
formation of the woman and as a
protection to society. Sir John
Dickinson, Chief Metropolitan
magistrate, said that while drink-
ness and some other offences
had diminished the number of
prisoners between 10 and 21 was
causing great anxiety to magis-
trates. Sir Malcolm Morris,
speaking at the Institute of
Hygiene said the common effects
of venereal disease on the com-
munity were most formidable. It was
time to stop the fearful waste.
Compulsory notification, however,
would be of less value than it
had proved to be in some of the
infectious fevers. Notification was
neither necessary nor practicable.
Compulsory treatment, which was
denuded by some advocates of
notification, was in the present
state of public opinion, the main-
stay of civilization. Let them con-
sider the danger to the community
and the prevention of
infection. The danger and treat-
ment, leaving such controversial
questions as notification for con-
sideration in the future.

For a good solid meal with
Cups, see Table of Rates in
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- 3 Bot. Port, Superior Light Invalid.
- 2 Bot. Gin.
- 1 Bot. Superior Old Liqueur Cognac.
- 1 Bot. Very Old Liqueur Scotch Whisky "E" Quality.
- 1 Bot. Dewar's Scotch Whisky.

Case No. 2—\$28.

- 1 Bot. St. Marceaux Champagne.
- 1 Bot. Burgundy "Beauv."
- 3 Bot. Claret, St. Estephe.
- 1 Bot. Sherry, Superior Pale Dry "D" Quality.
- 1 Bot. Port, Superior Light Invalid.
- 1 Bot. Superior Old Liqueur Cognac.
- 1 Bot. Very Old Liqueur Scotch Whisky.
- 1 Bot. Gin.
- 1 Bot. Creme de Menthe.

Case No. 3—\$32.

- 2 Bot. St. Marceaux Champagne.
- 1 Bot. Sherry, Superior Pale Dry "D" Quality.
- 1 Bot. Port, Superior Light Invalid.
- 1 Bot. Very Fine OLD BROWN Brand "E" Quality.
- 1 Bot. Very Old Liqueur Scotch Whisky "E" Quality.
- 1 Bot. Dewar's Scotch Whisky.
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HONGKONG, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1916.

"CONSCIOUS OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY."

Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, who in canting hypocrisy is a close rival to his Imperial master, announces that Germany and her friends "conscious of their responsibility before God, their own nations and humanity" has proposed to the Entente Powers that peace negotiations should be entered upon. The point about this little statement which interests us most is that it has taken this howling humber two years, four months and an odd week to discover that his beloved Fatherland was likely to be credited with any responsibility in the sight of the Almighty. It is a curious coincidence that the German Chancellor should first be made aware of this responsibility at a moment when, as all the world knows by this time, Great Britain, France and Russia have settled upon a reconstruction of the political element, and are at last preparing to give Germany what she so richly deserves. It happens, too, that this realisation of Divine Justice further coincides with the German successes in Romania. In this latter respect, for the moment, Germany is able to regard herself as on the top of the wave, and thus more or less in a position to use the word "negotiations" instead of the less high-sounding term "surrender."

But all this will not hoodwink the Allies. Even in the neutral countries only the lovers of lies and sentiment will be taken in by so threadbare a trick. The world knows pretty well, by this time, how Germany stands, and what her chances are of being able to wriggle out of the punishment that is overhanging her. But she, wrongheaded and eaten up with vanity to the very end, seems to believe that she can still fool others besides herself. She has, of course, a short memory, and is a little apt to forget that, among those whom she is exhorting to "kiss and be friends," are men whose wives and sisters and daughters have been violated; men whose brothers have been tortured to death or inoculated with disease in German prison camps, men who themselves are ruined physically forever by poison gas. Does she expect these to listen to such a word as "negotiations"?

And, if we regard the question on broader and less personal lines, we are still brought to the same conclusions. Can Germany be fool enough to think that the Allies have spent billions in money and millions in men, merely to be put off with a bit of patchwork? Germany tore up treaties, flouted the Hague Convention, ignored all duty to neutrals; are these little aberrations of hers to be glossed over and forgotten in a general handshaking and an agreement to "go on as we were before"? Apparently she thinks so lightly of the solemn compact of the Entente countries as of her own pledges. The rulers of the Allied Powers have sworn, solemnly and soberly, that they will not sheathe the sword till Belgium is avenged. When they so swore, Germany had still not reached the full measure of baseness towards Belgium, Poland and the people of the occupied French territory; Austria and Bulgaria had not worked the half of their wicked will in Serbia, and there were still a few Armenians whom Turkey had not butchered. If it were the Powers' duty to vow to punish these foes of civilisation twelve months or two years ago, how much more so is it their duty now. Germany may yelp for peace, but she will yelp in vain. The world of to-day knows what value to place on her affectionate regard for the Allies and on her "responsibility before God."

Hyphenated Missionaries.

Hongkong readers will welcome the protest, which we reprinted yesterday from Truth, against the entry of American missionaries with German names into India. Truth speaks of "a report in an Ohio newspaper of the approaching departure for Bombay of a party of missionaries of the Church of the Brethren, whatever that may be," and adds: "Nearly all of them are Americans with Teutonic names. It does not follow that they have any political or spiritual affinity with the Fatherland, but all the same one cannot help wondering whether the continual influx of foreign missionaries into India is helpful to the British Raj." We most sincerely trust that Truth will not allow the matter to rest at this, but will continue to protest until the present very undesirable state of affairs is brought to an end. India is British territory and we want neither German nor German-American missionaries there; indeed the pukka American variety could very well be dispensed with. There has been a deal too much of this business of foreigners interesting themselves in the welfare of the Indians.

Not Wanted.

It may not be reasonable to object to the missions carried on by the Portuguese, French, Spaniards, or Italians—for the obvious reason that all these nations were engaged in earnest mission work for two or three centuries before anything of the sort ever occurred to the British; and, so long as their Governments are friendly to ours, it would be an act of churlishness to resent their presence; indeed they have established a claim which no one would think of contesting. But with German Americans etc. it is another matter. Even where they may not happen to preach pro enemy doctrine, there is always a danger that they may lay themselves out to unsettle the natives by seeking to inculcate political notions which may suit the United States but which are not wanted in British territory. There are almost enough missionaries in India already, and the people can well do without those hailing from countries whose sympathies with Britain and her methods of Government are at least doubtful. From all we hear of the "grift" and sweating and general godlessness to be found in the United States, we should imagine that there is more than sufficient work in that country for American and hyphenated missionaries to undertake. India managed very well till recent years without the attentions of these gentlemen, and we have no doubt that they can equally be done without to-day.

The "Good Man" Policy.

The Police Court yesterday provided us with another of those cases in which, by a process of magisterial reflection which we candidly fail to appreciate, sentence was deferred on an obviously guilty man in order that he might have a chance of finding some one to say that he had a good character. The accused was seen walking away from a doctor's motor-car with a large rug belonging to it under his arm, and the only excuse he could put up with was that he saw it on the ground and merely picked it up, with absolutely no intention of stealing it! On the very surface of things, the man was a thief—in fact, it subsequently transpired that he was an old hand at the game—but that did not prevent Mr. Wood from putting his favourite query, or from adjourning the case so that the Colony might be secured in search of someone to say that the accused was a good man. The point which we have consistently tried to hammer in is that a man should be judged on the facts of the case, and even if he were able to bring an army of witnesses to say that he possessed a most beautiful character, that should be taken not the least account of. To wipe the time of the police by ordering a hunt for mythical "friends" is sheer wickedness. In this case the only redeeming feature is that, after the usual laborious process, Mr. Wood sent the thief to gaol for six months. But why could not that have been done right away?

DAY BY DAY.

OUR GRAND BUSINESS IN LIFE IS NOT TO SEE WHAT LIES DIMLY AT A DISTANCE BUT TO DO WHAT LIES CLEARLY AT HAND.—Carlyle.

The Mails.

Siberian Mail.—Closed per s.s. Shantung at 2 p.m. to-day.

Siberian Mail (London, Nov. 15).—Arrived per s.s. Temba Maru to-day.

European Mail (via Negapatam).—Due per s.s. Sawa Maru to-morrow.

The Dollar.

The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 4.11/10d.

To-morrow's Anniversary.—To-morrow is the 17th anniversary of the battle of Colenso.

Returned.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Lowe were among the passengers arriving by the Tenyo Maru.

"Wild Woodbines."

A Chinese was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, with attempting to export six boxes of "Wild Woodbines" cigarettes to Canton. It was stated that the duty was about \$1. The man had the cigarettes concealed in blankets and boxes. A fine of \$50 was imposed, and the goods were confiscated.

Guard of Honour.

The St. John Ambulance Corps will provide a guard of honour to receive H. E. the Governor at the Theatre Royal at 9 p.m. on Friday. The guard will fall in at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Headquarters at 3.15 p.m. caps, belts, shorts and puttees will be worn. Members who have not yet obtained the new badges and belt fittings should procure them without delay from their Divisional Storekeeper.

Attempted Exportation.

Two Chinese were charged before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, with attempting to export two bags of saltpetre. The first defendant said he was watching the stuff put on the junk, and the other said he was merely putting it on by order from his master. Mr. Davidson, who appeared for the master of the two men, said he was instructed that there was no permit. Mr. Lloyd appeared for the Import and Export Office. The case was adjourned, bail being fixed at \$200 each.

Gambling in Astor House.

Nine Chinese servants at the Astor House Hotel, were charged with gambling, before Mr. O. D. Malbourne, at the Police Court this morning. Last night at about 10 o'clock, the police made a raid, and it was found that the men were gambling with dominoes. One defendant said the Chinese constable who was giving evidence was in the habit of going there to gamble with the rest of the defendants, and he had been instructed by his mistress that this kind of thing had to stop. He therefore turned witness upon when he arrived for the third time last night. Each defendant was fined \$5.

"Men Were Deceivers Ever."

The concubine of a Chinese military official was charged on remand, before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, with stealing money and clothing, etc., as bailed, valued at \$2,600. Complainant said he went back to his house and found defendant was missing. He went to the Superintendent of Police and asked why he had allowed her to go away. He was told he had no power to keep her. Complainant then asked why she should have taken away the furniture and clothing. He was walking in Wanchai when he saw a friend and told him he had nowhere to live, as all his goods had been taken away. The friend told him he had seen his concubine. Defendant said she had been kidnapped and had stolen nothing. She did not admit she was complainant's concubine. She had been deceived, complainant telling her that he had no wife and she would be his lawful wife. When she went to live with him, she found he had a wife. Her husband did not leave \$2,000 as she had been told, but she had never seen him. The case was adjourned.

WAR COMFORTS.

Hongkong Association of Women War Workers.

At the Committee of the above Association held on the 6th inst. it was reported that during the last month its various departments have sent the following:—

To Queen Mary's Needlework Guild:—68 flannel shirts, 51 pair pyjamas, 42 muslin shirts, 20 surgical caps, 6,540 rolled bandages, 125 knitted eye bandages, 50 many-tail bandages, 42 surgical caps, 22 pair operation stockings, 33 vests, 63 Bed jackets, 13 reversible jackets, 1 red blanket, 3,017 swabs, 30 stump bandages, 38 varnish shirts, 12 cholera belts, 150 slings.

To Officer in charge R. G. A. Records, Dover:—100 shirts, 100 vests.

To 27 General Hospital, Cairo:—13 dressing gowns, 44 cotton nightshirts, 9 dozen milk covers, 81 dozen slings, 4 pillows and cases, magazines, 4 pair pyjamas, 18 pocket books, 8 floor swabs, 9 bed books, canvas, wool.

To C. O. Shrewsbury, for the K. S. L. I.:—68 pair socks, 67 mufflers.

The following letter has been received from Cairo:—

27 General Hospital, Cairo, Oct. 28, 1916.
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The draw is as under:—
Mrs. Davey 24 and Mrs. H. Griffin 30 (54) v. Mrs. Looker 18 and Mrs. Milner Jones 7 (25); Mrs. E. D. O. Wolfe 30 and Mrs. Gibson 21 (51) v. Mrs. Dwyer 18 and Mrs. Wakeman 20 (38); Mrs. Ram 28 and Mrs. Hancock 15 (41) v. Mrs. Keigwin 16 and Mrs. Bewick 20 (36); Miss Robertson 16 and Mrs. Pearce 16 (32) v. Mrs. Macdougall 28 and Mrs. J. W. Stewart 12 (32); Mrs. Crawford 12 and Mrs. McKenny 22 (34) v. Mrs. Maitland 12 and Mrs. Fletcher 15 (27); Mrs. Hooper 30 and Mrs. Goodban 20 (50) v. Mrs. Winslow scratch and Miss Wilkinson 12 (12); Mrs. Adams 25 and Miss Denison 30—(55) v. Mrs. Shenton 18 and Mrs. Arthur 20—(38); Mrs. Edkins 24 and Miss Winters 14—(38) v. Mrs. Carleton 20 and Mrs. Macgregor 30—(50); Mrs. Potter 28 and Mrs. Newall 20—(48) v. Mrs. Falconer 24 and Mrs. Kent 28—(52); Mrs. J. Rodger 17 and Miss J. Rodger 24 (41) v. Mrs. Hayward 24 and Mrs. Moore 30 (54); Mrs. Muriel scratch and Miss Gordon 15 (15) v. Mrs. Hale 30 and Mrs. Miller 30 (30); Mrs. Greaves 24 and Mrs. Harvey 20 (44) v. Mrs. A. E. Griffin 30 and Miss Lammett 24 (54); Mrs. Nisbet 30 and Mrs. H. Humphreys 16 (46) v. Mrs. Pollock 30 and Mrs. Scott Barton 30 (60); Mrs. Beavis 30 and Miss Hastings 23 (53) v. Mrs. Fleming 20 and Mrs. Crapnell 30 (60).

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An Unlucky Burglar.

Before Mr. O. D. Malbourne, at the Police Court this morning, a Chinese was charged with burglary at Tin Hong Lane. It was stated that defendant entered the house by the roof and stole two income tickets. He was seen by a detective carrying the spoil on his back, and he was immediately arrested. His Worship sent him to prison for three months, and ordered that he should be placed in the stocks for four hours.

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SHANGHAI SHARE REPORT.

Matters Still Not Over Promising.

Messrs. A. L. Anderson & Co. in their weekly Share Circular (Shanghai, 9th December), says:—

The financial situation has changed for the better and the premium previously offered by the banks for cash remittances no longer exists; nevertheless the continued high rate of exchange prevents the lower rate of native interest from helping the share market since Chinese friends prefer to purchase gold rather than shares. Thus, while the prospects are less discouraging, immediate business is hardly better, and it is improbable that we shall see a really active market again until silver shall have declined from its present altitude. Satisfactory dividend announcements are about to release considerable sums to shareholders in Rubber companies and the recent rise in the London price of the raw article, both for spot and forward, would seem to secure a repetition of these next year.

International Cotton Mill.—The annual meeting is called for 22nd inst.

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An interim of 5 per cent. is declared payable on 15th inst. Kamaninga. The annual meeting is advertised for 20th inst.; the Company passes the dividend. Kanyang. A third interim of 10 per cent. is payable on 20th inst. Senawage. A second interim of 8 per cent. is announced for payment on 21st inst. Tebonga. A second interim of 50 has been declared payable on 22nd inst.

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VICTORIA, R.O. and SEATTLE via Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Nagoya & Yokohama	Tamba Maru Capt. Akamatsu T. 12,500 Shidzuoka Maru Capt. Numa T. 12,500	TUES. 19th Dec. at noon WED. 3rd Jan. at noon
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila, Thursday Island, Townsville and Brisbane	Iniko Maru Capt. R. Takeda T. 9,600 Ichi Maru Capt. K. Yoshikawa T. 13,500	TUES. 16th Jan. at 11 a.m. TUES. 19th Feb. at 11 a.m.
CUTTACK via S'pore, Pang & Rangoon	Tosa Maru Capt. O. Sakamoto T. 10,000	FRIDAY, 22nd Dec.
BOMBAY via S'pore, Malacca & Cebu	Yotoro Maru Capt. S. Hirata T. 8,000	THURSDAY, 14th Dec.
SHANGHAI and Kobe	Totomi Maru Capt. Kamada T. 8,000 Yamagata Maru Capt. K. Goto T. 8,000	THURSDAY, 14th Dec. THURSDAY, 14th Dec.
KOBE	Iniko Maru Capt. R. Takeda T. 9,600	THURS. 4th Jan. at 10 a.m.
NAGASAKI, Kobe and Yokohama	Suwa Maru Capt. T. Sekine T. 21,000 Colombo Maru Capt. E. Nomura T. 8,000	SATUR. 16th Dec. at 10 a.m. THURS. 14th Dec. at noon

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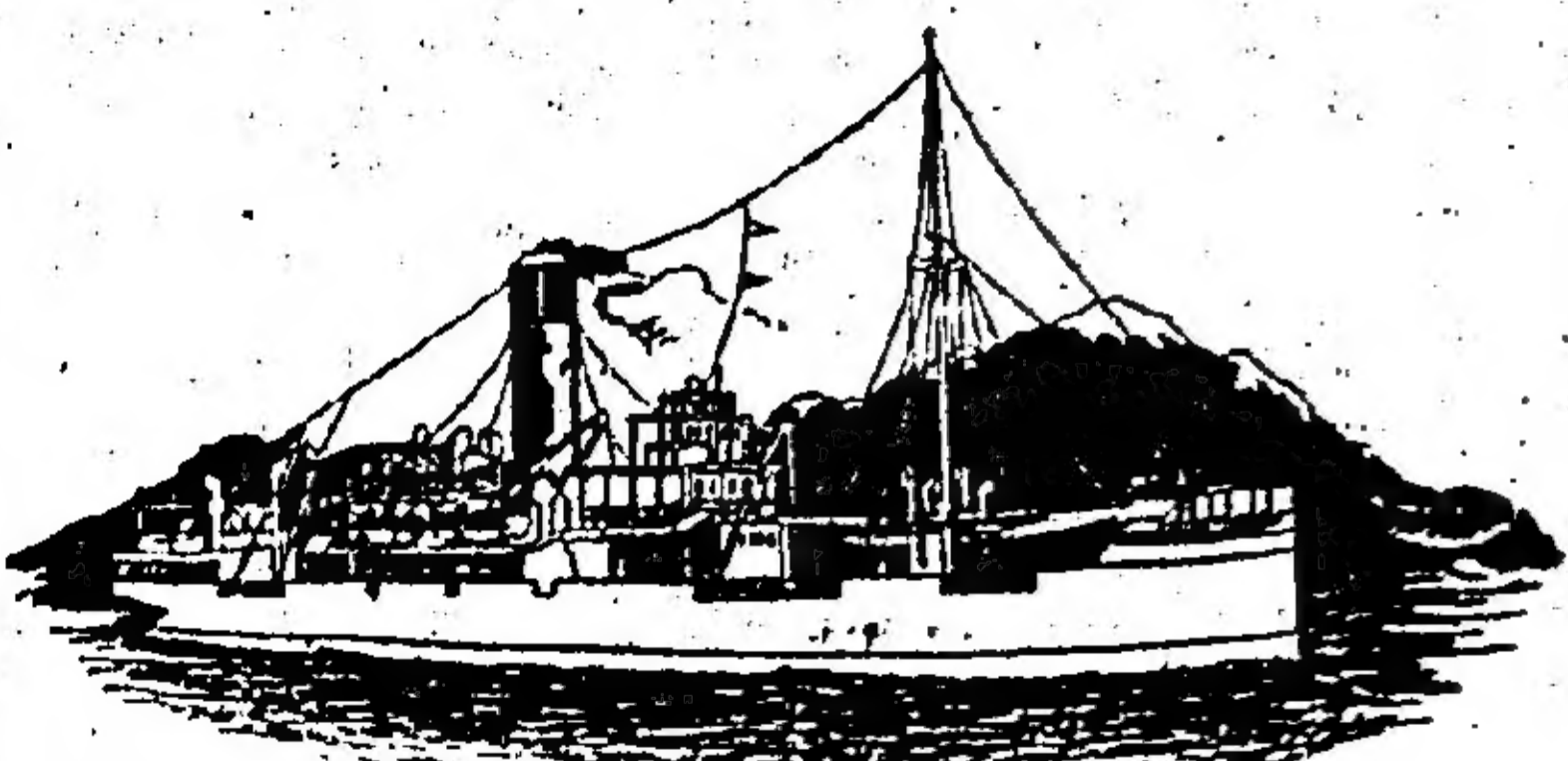
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London via Cape Town	Kamo M.	N. Y. K.	23, Dec.
London via Ports	Novara	P. & O.	29, Dec.
Liverpool via Ports	Buryppus	B. & S.	31, Dec.
Genoa	Merahire	J. M. Co.	Dec.
Genoa and London	Glaniffer	S. T. & Co.	Dec.
London via Ports	Peleus	B. & S.	5, Jan.
London via Ports	Teucer	B. & S.	10, Jan.

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Victoria, B.C., & Seattle	Tamba M.	N. Y. K.	15, Dec.
San Francisco via Japan	Tenyo M.	T. K. K.	19, Dec.
Seattle via Japan	Protesilaus	B. & S.	23, Dec.
Vancouver via Japan	E. of Russia	C. P. O. S.	28, Dec.
San Francisco via Japan	Euador	P. M. S. S.	31, Dec.
Victoria, B.C., via Japan	Shidzuoka M.	N. Y. K.	3, Jan.
San Francisco via Japan	Nippon M.	T. K. K.	4, Jan.
South American Ports	Kiyo M.	T. K. K.	9, Jan.
Vancouver via Japan	E. of Japan	C. P. O. S.	10, Jan.
San Francisco via Japan	Arakan	J.C.J.L.	11, Jan.
San Francisco via Japan	Shinyo M.	T. K. K.	17, Jan.
San Francisco via Japan	Persia M.	T. K. K.	27, Jan.
San Francisco via Japan	China	C. M. S. S.	31, Jan.
Vancouver via Japan	Monteagle	C. P. O. S.	3, Feb.
New York via Panama	Toyooka M.	N. Y. K.	Early Feb.

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Australia via Manila	Eastern	G. L. Co.	25, Dec.
Australia via Manila	Nikko M.	N. Y. K.	16, Jan.
Australia via Manila	St. Albans	G. L. Co.	27, Jan.
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Shanghai	Yingchow	B. & S.	17. Dec.
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Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haihong	D. L. Co.	19. Dec.
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	Taming	B. & S.	19. Dec.
Shanghai	Chonan	B. & S.	19. Dec.
Shanghai	Wingsang	J. M. Co.	21. Dec.
Shanghai	Sinkiang	B. & S.	21. Dec.
Calcutta via Ports	Tooa M.	N. Y. K.	22. Dec.
Manila	Yuensang	J. M. Co.	23. Dec.
Java and Makassar	Tijilatap	J. C. J. L.	23. Dec.
Swatow	Haitan	D. L. Co.	24. Dec.
Shanghai	Kwongang	J. M. Co.	24. Dec.
Belawan Deli (Sumatra) via Swatow	a Jacob	J. C. J. L.	26. Dec.
Shanghai and Japan	Phenius	B. & S.	26. Dec.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haitan	D. L. & Co.	29. Dec.
Shanghai, Moji and Kobe	Somali	P. & O.	30. Dec.
Java	Tijlmanoeck	J. C. J. L.	30. Dec.
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Shanghai, Moji and Kobe	Nyansa	P. & O.	1, Jan.
Shanghai to Yokohama	Teenkai	B. & S.	3, Jan.
Shanghai	Tijitarom	J. C. J. L.	3, Jan.
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Cargo remaining undelivered on 10th December, at noon, will be charged landing charges. Storage charges will be assessed on all cargo undelivered on 13th December, at 5 p.m.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

No Claim will be recognised after the Goods have left the Steamer or Godown.

All chafed and damaged cargo will be landed into the Company's Godown, where they will be examined on 30th December, at 10 a.m.

No Claims will be recognised if filed after the 14th December, 1916.

T. DAIGO,
Agent.

Hongkong, 7th December, 1916.

CONSIGNEES

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s.s. "TENYO MARU" from
SAN FRANCISCO VIA
HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS
AND MANILA.

The above named Steamer having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of cargo from alongside.

Cargo remaining undelivered on 14th December, at noon, will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense, and delivery must then be taken from the Company's Godown. Storage charges will be assessed on all cargo remaining undelivered on 18th December, at 5 p.m.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

No Claim will be recognised after the goods have left the Steamer or Godown.

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T. DAIGO,
Agent.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1916.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

AMERICAN MAIL.

The Pacific Mail s.s. "ECUADOR" left
Hongkong Nov. 23, for Hongkong via
Yokohama and may be expected to arrive
here on December 23, and will leave for
San Francisco, December 30, at noon.

The Pacific Mail s.s. Co's Steamer
"ECUADOR" left Yokohama on December
13, for Hongkong via Kobe, Shanghai
and Manila, and may be expected to
arrive here on the 15th inst.

The Pacific Mail Co's s.s. "COLOMBIA"
will leave San Francisco for Hongkong
on March 10, via Honolulu and Japan
Ports.

ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. s.s. "NANKIN" left Shang-
hai for this Port on the 12th inst., at
12.30 p.m. with the Homeward English
Mail, and is due here on the 15th inst.
at about 9 a.m.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The s.s. "JAPAN" left Calcutta on the
3rd inst. and may be expected here on or
about the 15th inst.

VESSELS IN PORT.

Steamers.

Wiley, Br. s.s. 4399, Euthen, 4th Sept.—
Yungro Bay, 30th Aug. Gen.—B. L.
Kupletela, Br. s.s. 2360, Hawker, 5th
Dec.—Shanghai, 1st Dec. Ballast—
A. P. Co.

General Wapland, Nor. s.s. 2989,
Hansen, 7th Dec.—Moji, 2nd Dec.
Coal—Bradley & Co.

Yei M. Jap. s.s. 1753, Nishikawa, 7th
Dec.—Wakamatsu, 1st Dec. Coal—
M. B. K.

Chichibu, Br. s.s. 1360, Bedford, 8th Dec.
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VESSELS DUE.

Agents.	Vessel's Name.	Tonnage.	Date Due.	From.
P. & O.	Nankin	7,441	Dec. 14	Kobe
B. & S.	Tydeus		Dec. 17	Liverpool
D. S. Co.	Japan		Dec. 21	Calcutta
J.C.J.L.	Tijilatap	9,54	Dec. 21	Kobe
B. & S.	Protesilaus		Dec. 23	Manila
P. M. S. S.	Euador		Dec. 23	San Francisco
P. & O.	Somali		Dec. 24	London
B. & S.	hemius	6,699	Dec. 27	Liverpool
J.C.J.L.	Tijilwong		Dec. 27	Java
P. & O.	Novara		Dec. 28	Kobe
J.C.J.L.	Tijamasok		Dec. 28	Shanghai
J.C.J.L.	Nyansa		Dec. 28	Java
P. & O.	benkai	4,939	Dec. 31	Bombay
B. & S.	Ixion	0,220	Jan. 2	Liverpool
G. L. & Co.	St. Albans		Jan. 5	Seattle
P. & O.	Somali		Jan. 6	Australia
B. & S.	Malta		Jan. 11	Kobe
B. & S.	Antilo hus	9,038	Jan. 14	Bombay
B. & S.	Ixion	10,220	Jan. 15	Liverpool
B. & S.	telamon	4,509	Jan. 19	Manila
B. & S.	Euryades	5,73	Jan. 20	Liverpool
P. & O.	Nyansa		Jan. 23	Liverpool
P. & O.	Namur		Jan. 25	Kobe
B. & S.	Hyson	6,607	Jan. 28	London
			Feb. 1	Liverpool

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NOTICE.

COMMERCIAL.

Mining Memo.

London, N. Y. 8. — Russians continue under the cloud of the adverse rate of exchange against Petrograd, which the publication of the circumstances, satisfactory enough reports by the Kyatim Corporation and the Spasky Copper Company has failed to lift materially. The Spasky is having to use its profits for the present on capital expenditure, failing the obtaining of permission from the Treasury to raise fresh funds, but the Kyatim is preventing its shareholders with a dose of one rouble per share, and hopes later on to distribute an interim distribution for the current year, also in Russian currency. Recipients who can afford to keep the war, would be foolish to turn the roubles into English money at present, although it may be longer than most people expect before the rate of exchange becomes anything like normal again. — American copper shares, notably Utah, continue to be put up on Wall Street, on the prospect of the prolongation of the war, but people over here seem very chary of them. Similarly, the other Australian copper shares are avoided on the confirmation of the statement that the Commonwealth Government proposes to raise the excess profits tax from 50 per cent. for the past financial year to 100 per cent. for the current one. — The New Jagersfontein Diamond Company has re-entered the dividend paying list with a declaration of 3s per share, and this has accentuated the hope that De Beers Deferred holders will not have to wait many months longer for a distribution. The latter shares seem worth looking up at under £13 compared with the pre-war making up price of 14 11-16. — The Exploration Company, as fore-shadowed some time ago, now formally proposes to ask the authority of the Court to cut down its capital by half and thus free profits for dividends. It will then have assets of £537,000 (including over £200,000 in Treasury Bills), against a capital of £275,000 in 10s. shares. At their current price of 9s. Explorations, therefore seem pretty cheap. — Truth.

Forestry of the Philippine Islands.

Some interesting information concerning Forestry in the Philippine Islands is given in the annual report of the Bureau at Manila for the fiscal year 1915. The report is signed by the Acting Director of Forestry, Mr. W. Klemme, in the absence of Mr. William Forsythe Sherbooke, Director of Forestry, who left Manila on Jan. 12, 1916, on a leave of absence, which he will spend as a member of the Chinese Government, assisting in drawing up a national forest policy and putting it into execution. We make the following extracts:— The total amount of lumber cut under license in the public forests during 1915 was 276,287 cubic meters, as compared with 294,688 cubic meters for 1914. In addition, there was a very large but undetermined amount cut without license for personal or domestic use. As anticipated in the annual report for 1914, the year just passed has experienced a serious depression in the lumber market, due primarily to conditions brought about by the European war, the principal cause affecting the trade, as in most other industries, being the very great shortage of transportation facilities to carry exports. The lumber industry has suffered especially from this cause, leaving as the result of the inability of the lumbering companies to export their stock, a market flooded with lumber and (the most serious feature of the situation) facing but a poor outlook for the remedying the condition. While freight rates are still going higher, transportation facilities are becoming scarcer. Orders for export are on hand, but it is impossible to fill them. None of the mills are working with the activity or optimism of a year or more ago. On the contrary, with no appreciable local demands for lumber, the companies have been forced to keep employed at least the most

WAR WORK FOR ALL.

Forecast by Former Minister of Munitions.

"We shall have to ask those ineligible for military service to go to the munition factories," announced Mr. E. S. Montagu, M.P., as the guest of the Aldwych Club on November 10.

Sir Hedley Le Bas presided at the luncheon, which was given at the Connaught Rooms.

Mr. Montagu said the Ministry of Munitions was the largest business in the country. It employed directly about 1,350,000 men and a growing regiment of 400,000 women. It had made possible the marvellous development of military resources which had transformed a country with a negligible Army into one of the chief military Powers on the face of the earth, an Army as well equipped as any Army in the field in the short space of two years.

They were often accused of extravagance, but sometimes a factory was put up—he had one in mind—against time, regardless of cost, with a determination to get it producing in the shortest time; and notwithstanding the extravagance of the project, when it began producing in a few months, it more than paid the whole of its cost, when the bare difference was taken into account between making a thing, our selves and buying it abroad.

The longer we went on the greater the drain on the world's resources in material would become. Fortunately we were better placed in this regard than the Central Powers.

As our enormous programmes come to be fulfilled, we shall require more and more men and women. We have the paramount duty not to leave our soldiers at the front short of the help that they have a right to expect from those eligible for military service at home.

"The War Office, the Ministry of Munitions, and the new Munition Board are co-operating wholeheartedly, and will not be long before they have perfected arrangements to ensure the continuous supply from those eligible for military service to the Army, and no reduction, but an increase of output of munitions, to help those who join the Army."

"Where is the labour to come from? We shall have to make more and more demands upon those not at present engaged in work of war importance. We shall have to ask those ineligible for military service to come to the munition factories, making the same sacrifices comparable to those who are already there."

France's Vintage.

The estimate for this year's vintage for the whole of France is now given approximately as between 770,000,000 and 990,000,000 of imperial gallons. In the South, 440,000,000 gallons are expected, instead of the 193,000,000 gallon yield of last year. The quality will be excellent.

desirable portion of their force, or chartering vessels at almost prohibitive rates. A very important step which will eventually react to the mutual advantage of the lumbermen was the formation during the latter part of the year of the Philippine Lumber Manufacturers' Association. Up to very recent times there existed no co-operation among the individual companies in this industry, but the formation of this association will, it is to be hoped, place the industry on a more solid basis and will tend not only to secure for the members the recognition of which the importance of the industry is so deserving, but will be a means of combining the interests of the industry as a whole. A great deal of propaganda has been carried on during the past year with a view to encouraging the exportation of lumber to China.

ARMY TO RUN CANTEENS.

Profits for Benefit of the Soldier.

Before the war there were 18 canteens for Army canteens at home; now there are 197, the canteens in the United Kingdom having grown to 1,800, with a turnover at the rate of £15,000,000 per annum.

The tenant system has involved much overlapping, besides having other drawbacks, and it is to give place to a new method by which the authorities will control their own business. The change necessitates an initial capital of £2,000,000, for obviously supplies cannot be stocked without outlay; but nothing is being paid for good-will: the money will be represented by liquid assets, and it is hoped to repay it as speedily as possible out of profits.

"We are not out for profits except to improve the soldier's position," said Lord Chylemore, chairman of the Army Canteen Committee, last month. "How profits are to be expended I shall by and by ask to have made public, so that everyone shall know."

The Army simply wishes to manage its own concern, effect economies, and improve the condition of the canteens. Well-known experts have assisted in bringing about the new order of things, which has the approval of the Army Council and the Treasury, and comes into operation as early as practicable. The transfer cannot be made in its entirety at once, as it is essential that their shall be no dislocation of supply; and it is hoped that it will be completed throughout the United Kingdom by the end of January. The revised arrangements will not apply to canteens of the Expeditionary Force.

Waste of Overlapping. "This change has been effected entirely to the interests of the soldier," remarked Lord Chylemore. "One great boon I hope will be that the profits which in the past have gone to the contractors will come to the Army Canteen Committee, and what is one of the most important things, we shall be able to improve."

Speaking as an old soldier of 50 years' service, I think the canteen has been in many instances—the buildings, I mean, and surroundings—a part of disgrace to the Army.

The provision of more comfortable and more attractive canteens has long been in demand by commanding officers. Since the outbreak of war a Board of Control have done useful work. It was in April last succeeded by the Canteen Committee, who were able still further to bring about a reduction of prices, while leaving contractors a fair margin of profit, and at the same time the standard of foodstuffs was raised and the general condition of canteens somewhat improved.

Defects of the tenant system, however remained. The committee's control was too limited. They could not buy and sell, or secure the advantages of bulk purchases; they were powerless against the manifest drawbacks of half a dozen or eight different contractors conducting a score of canteens in one hutment camp, each contract with its own transport, its own inspectors, possibly its own warehouses—a glaring illustration of overlapping. Further, it was feasible for a Scottish battalion at, say, Dover, wastefully to employ a contractor from Edinburgh or a Sussex battalion at Glasgow to engage a Brighton contractor; and insecurity of tenure, as well as the constant movement of units, crippled expenditure on the comfort of canteens, while competitive buying by contractors in restricted camp areas tended to raise prices.

The New System. All this emphasised the need of revision; and the Army Council, creating an official organisation which will conduct regimental institutions throughout the United Kingdom, and in Egypt, Malta, Gibraltar, Bermuda, and other stations abroad, have vested the Canteen Committee with powers to enable them to take over these establishments. The new system, with its central machinery and central buying, puts an end to overlapping. Contract employees

SLAVE DRIVING IN BELGIUM.

Methods of the Barbary Corsairs Revived.

Paris, Nov. 10. — M. Carton de Wiart, the Belgian Minister of Justice, has given the Koko de Paris some further information as to the new deportations of valid men by the German authorities in Belgium to carry on various kinds of work for the enemy Government, in rank defiance of all the prescriptions of international law.

About the middle of October, he says, "a decree signed by the Quartermaster-General von Seubert was posted in our communes of Flanders and Hainaut. It stipulated that all valid persons who have resources, for themselves or their families, to 'outside assistance,' may be forcibly constrained to work even outside the region of their domicile. Refusal to obey this obligation will be punished by imprisonment for three years at the maximum and a fine of 10,000 marks (£100), or one of these penalties. To understand the abominable character of this threat, it must be recalled that a third of the population of Belgium is dependent on help from the supply committee."

As soon as the measure was announced, our fellow-citizens concerned were summoned en masse at Courtrai, Ghent, Bruges, Termonde, Alost and other places, to gather in the barracks, stores and empty factories. Those who did not come voluntarily were arrested and brought by force. In Ghent alone they numbered about 3,000, including assistants and shopkeepers as well as workmen.

"They were examined as they would be in a slave market, and the least robust discharged. The others were required to sign a form printed in German undertaking to work under the orders of the German authorities. The usual methods of pressure were used—imprisonment, threats, and brutal usage. The victims refused to agree. They were then forcibly deported to unknown destinations."

"From October 15 to 24 more than 15,000 men among them some French subjects, were thus abducted in Flanders. At Antwerp, Bruges, and Menin they are known to have been put to work at the fortifications, trenches and roads."

"I refuse to believe," concluded M. Carton de Wiart, "that even in the most neutral of countries honest men will remain indifferent to this revival in the twentieth century of the methods of the Barbary corsairs and the African slave-traders."

are to be retained wherever possible, and stocks in trade and plant, where found suitable, are to be taken over, so that the contractor is fairly dealt with.

The management committee to whom the Army Council have entrusted the matter will practically comprise the members of the existing executive, strengthened by the inclusion of Sir Alexander Prince and Mr. F. Benson, whose undertakings are to-day conducting about 40 per cent. of existing canteens. Sir Alexander Prince is retiring from the post of chairman and managing director of Messrs. Dickson and Son, and will cover his connection with that firm; and Mr. Benson is the general manager of the Canteen and Mess Co-operative Society, whose directors have arranged to merge it with the new organisation.

"Both gentlemen are making a great sacrifice in giving up their present positions," observed Lord Chylemore. "They are already giving their services in an honorary capacity to the Expeditionary Force Canteen Committee. They have had a lifelong training as specialists, and should materially strengthen the new management committee, whose members are officers who in civil life are business men of considerable financial and commercial experience. The committee feel that the scheme has everything to commend it, as it is based on sound business and economic principles."

HONGKONG SHARE REPORT.

BANKERS, SALES, BUYERS, NOMINAL.

OFFICIAL PRICES.

BANKS.	
Banks	£750
MARINE INSURANCES.	
Canton	£400
North China	£153
Unions	£225
Yangtzes	£225
FIRE INSURANCES.	
China Fires	£155
H.K. Fires	£375
SHIPPING.	
Douglases	£121
Steamboats	£211
Indos (Def.)	£140
Indos (Pref.)	£461
Shells	£104
Ferries	£38
REFINERIES.	
Sugars	£128
Malabons	£37
MINING.	
Kallans	£36
Langkats	£21
Rasba	£25
Tromons	£20
Urals	£29
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, &C.	
H.K. Wharves	£341
Kowloon Docks	£151
Shal Docks	£90
LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.	
Centrals	£101
H.K. Hotels	£115
Land Invest.	£97
Hiphreys Est.	£630
Kloon Lands	£35
Shal Lands	£91
West Points	£85
COTTON MILLS.	
Ewos	£157
Kung Yiks	£15
Shai Cottons	£123
Yangtzeppos	£6
MISCELLANEOUS.	
Borneos	£84
China Light & P. b.	£475
Providents	£835
Dairy Farms	£25
Green Islands	£1180
H.K. Electric	£53
H.K. Ice Co.	£160
Ropes	£34
Steel Foundries	£94
Trams, Low Level	£700
Trams, Peak, old	£1
Trams, Peak, new	£1
Laundries	£1
U. Waterboats	£1700
Watsons	£675
Wm. Powells	£640
Morning Posts	£60

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SELLING.

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60 d/a	2/4 3/4
4 m/a	2/4 9/16
T/T Shanghai	Nom.
T/T Singapore	109 1/4
T/T Japan	109 3/4
T/T India	175 3/4
Demand, India	175
T/T San Francisco	56
co & New York	56
T/T Java	135 1/4
T/T Marks	Nom.
T/T France	327
Demand, Paris	327 1/4

BUYING.

4 m/a. L/O	2/5 1/16
4 m/a. D/P	2/5 3/16
6 m/a. L/O	2/5 5/16
30 d/a. Sydney & Melbourne	2/5 5/16
30 d/a. San Francisco & New York	57 1/4
4 m/a. Marks	Nom.
4 m/a. France	329
6 m/a. France	344
Demand, Germany	344
Demand, New York	56 1/4
T/T Bombay	175
Demand, Bombay	175
T/T Calcutta	175
Demand, Calcutta	175
Demand, Manila	112
Demand, Singapore	100 1/4
On Haiphong	34 1/2 prem.
On Saigon	34 1/2 prem.
On Bangkok	65 1/4
Sovereign	84 1/2 Nom.
Gold Leaf, per oz.	51 1/2
Bar Silver, per oz.	51 1/2

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7 Cases Younger's Stout (pints).
7 Cases Z. B. Beer (pints & quarts).
11 Cases G. & C. Old Smuggler Liqueur Whisky.
25 Cases G. & C. Special Reserve Whisky.
35 D. & C. Port.
17 Dozen Sherry.
35 Cases French Vermouth.
35 Cases Medoc Claret.
5 Cases Margaux (quarts).
5 Cases St. Julien (quarts).
5 Cases La Rose (quarts).
10 Cases Ch. Talbot (quarts).
10 Cases Ch. Montrose (quarts).
10 Cases (h. Mouton Rothschild (quarts).
5 Cases Beune Burgundy (quarts).
5 Cases Pommard Burgundy (quarts).
3 Cases Volnay Burgundy (quarts).
5 Cases Chablis Burgundy (quarts).
5 Cases Barisac (quarts).
5 Cases Haut Sauterne (quarts).
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Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 6th December, 1916.

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MAILS DUE.

Shanghai—Per NANKIN, 15th Dec.
Europe (via Negapatam)—Per SUWA M., 15th Dec.

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MAILS CLOSE TO-DAY.

Haiphong—Per TAKSANG, 14th Dec. 5 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Hoibow & Pakhot—Per HUE, 15th Dec. 8 a.m.
Hoibow—Per PORTUGAL, 15th Dec. 8 a.m.
Japan via Kobe—Per YAMAGATA M., 15th Dec. 8 a.m.
Straits—Per HAINAN, 15th Dec. 11 a.m.
Shanghai & N. China, Japan via Kobe—Per TOTMI M., 15th Dec. 11 a.m.
Bangkok—Per ANNA, 15th Dec. 3 p.m.

SATURDAY, 16th December.

Shanghai & N. China, Japan via Kobe—Per SUWA MARU, 16th Dec. 9 a.m.
Straits, Burma, Ceylon, Australia, New Zealand, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt & Europe. (The parcel mail will be closed on Friday, 15th Dec. at 5 p.m.)—Per NANKIN, 16th Dec. Registration 10.15 a.m. Letters 11 a.m.
Hio to Per BENAVON, 16th Dec. 1 p.m.
Philippine Is.—Per LOONGSANG, 16th Dec. 2 p.m.
Shanghai & N. China—Per YING-CHOW, 16th Dec. 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, 17th December.

Straits, Amoy, Formosa via Tamsui and Ke-lung—Per KAIJOIM, 17th Dec. 9 a.m.

TUESDAY, 19th December.

Swatow—Per HAIHONG, 19th Dec. 10 a.m.
Shanghai & N. China, Japan via Kobe—Per SUWA MARU, 19th Dec. 11 a.m.
Shanghai & N. China, (Europe via Siberia)—Per KIUJIANG, 19th Dec. Registration 2.15 p.m. Letters 3 p.m.
[Shanghai Ch. P.O. Saturday, 23rd Dec.]
Philippine Is.—Per TAMING, 19th Dec. 3 p.m.

THURSDAY, 21st December.

Shanghai & N. China, (Europe via Siberia)—Per KIUJIANG, 21st Dec. Registration 2.15 p.m. Letters 3 p.m.
[Shanghai Ch. P.O. Monday, 25th Dec.]

FRIDAY, 22nd December.

Swatow, Amoy & Fuchow—Per HAIHONG, 22nd Dec. 11 a.m.

MONDAY, 25th December.

Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand & New Guinea via Thursday Is.—Per EASTERN, 25th Dec. 9 a.m.

THURSDAY, 28th December.

Straits, Ceylon, Delagoa Bay, Durban, Johannesburg, Cape Town & United Kingdom—Per KAMO MARU, 28th Dec. Registration 2.15 a.m. Letters 3 a.m.
Shanghai, N. China, Japan via Nagasaki, Victoria, Vancouver, United States, Central & South America & United Kingdom via Canada, (Europe via Siberia)—Per EMPRESS OF RUSSIA, 28th Dec. Registration 2.45 a.m. Letters 3.30 a.m.
[Shanghai Ch. P.O. Saturday, 30th Dec.]

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Haidin, Nor., ss. 1,065, Swatow, 15th Dec.
Swatow, 15th Dec. Rice—Chinese.
Kwangle, Chi., ss. 1,453, Sangster, 15th Dec.—Shanghai, 10th Dec. Gen.—C. M. & N. Co.
Rijuan M. Jap., ss. 1,979, Yimaguich, 15th Dec.—M. J. 8th Dec. Gen.—D. & Co.
Satsuki M. Jap., ss. 1,299, Fomoto, 15th Dec.—Tasman, 8th Dec. Coal—Mitsui & Co.
Tosyo M. Jap., ss. 1,388.26, Smith, 15th Dec.—San Francisco, 11th Nov. Gen.—T. K. K.
Yanchow, Br., ss. 1,152, Martio, 15th Dec.—Shanghai, 10th Dec. Gen.—B. & S.
Yamagata M. Jap., ss. 2,348.87, Kudo, 15th Dec.—Combo, 25th Nov. Gen.—N. Y. K.
Hutchow, Br., ss. 1,860, Hooker, 14th Dec.—Haiphong, 11th Dec. Coal—B. & S.
Hauron, Br., ss. 1,177, Smith, 14th Dec.—Saigon, 7th Dec. Rice—Chinese.
Nisim M. Jap., ss. 619, Hyodo, 14th Dec.—Kobe, 12th Dec. Coal—Oster.
Proteus, Br., ss. 611, Brathwaite, 14th Dec.—Kutchatru, 10th Dec. Gen.—B. & S.
Totomi M. Jap., ss. 1,021, Kanada, 14th Dec.—Singapore, 2nd Dec. Gen.—N. Y. K.
Tamba M. Jap., ss. 1,593.79, Akamatsu, 14th Dec.—Shanghai, Gen.—N. Y. K.

DEPARTED.

Dec. 12.
Tahiti M. for Dairen via Waihaiwei.
Tokushu M. for Yokohama & Yokohama.
Hanoi for Haiphong via K. C. Wan.

Dec. 13.
Taigo M. for Melbourne via Manila.
Siberia M. for San Francisco via S. Hai.
Kwang for Shanghai.
Haitan for Fuchow via Swatow.
Shansi for Hongkong.
Chingchow for Pt. Paraval.
Tamsui for Shanghai via Swatow.
Koyo M. for Saigon.
Hainan for Saigon.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Dec. 13.
Cyclops for London via Singapore & Cape.

Dec. 14.
Tjirkembang for San Francisco via Nagasaki.
Shantung for Shanghai.
Yinchow for Canton.
Kwang for Canton.
Kailone for Haiphong via Hoihow.
Hiohow for Canton.
Fasubi M. for Canton.
Colombo M. for Shanghai & Kobe.
Eurydamas for New York via Shanghai.

A Banishment's Return.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. C. D. Malbonne, at the Police Court this morning, with returning from banishment for life. Defendant, it was stated, only stayed away 15 days and then came back. He was sent to goal for a month and was ordered to be placed in the stocks for four hours.

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WEATHER REPORT.

On the 14th at 1210—Pressure has decreased moderately over Japan, the anticyclone having passed into the Pacific. A fresh anticyclone has formed over N. China, causing moderate increases over that area; slight decreases are general elsewhere.

Fresh to strong monsoon may be expected over the east and south coast of China and the north part of the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 79.81 inches, against an average of 82.53 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

1 Hongkong to Gap Rock. N. winds, fresh; fine.
2 Formosa Channel. N. winds, strong.
3 South coast of China between H.K. and Lamook. The same as No. 1.
4 South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan. The same as No. 1.

China Coast Meteorological Register. December 14, a.m.

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METEOROLOGICAL.

C. W. JEFFRIES, Chief Assistant.
Hongkong Observatory, Dec. 14, 1916.
1 Barometer, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit on the level of the sea in inches, tens and hundredths.
2 Temperature, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.
3 Humidity, in percentage of saturation.
4 Direction of Wind, to two points.
5 Force of Wind, according to Beaufort Scale.
6 State of Weather, by blue sky, or detached clouds, or drizzling rain, fog, gloomy, hail, lightning, or overcast, or passing showers, or equally, rain, snow, thunder, or visibility, or dew wet.
*Lat. 22.4 N. Long. 113.9 E.

Periods.	Day	On date	On date.
Barometer	30.08	30.13	30.08
Temperature	71	65	72
Humidity	57	41	34
Wind Direction	W	E	N
Force	2	2	3
Weather	b	b	b
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00
Highest open air Temperature on the 15th-20th	74	74	74
Lowest	57	57	57

H.K. Observatory, December 14, 1916.
T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

KISMET.

IN AID OF
STAR & GARTER FUND.

GALA NIGHT, DECEMBER 15th
SECOND NIGHT, DECEMBER 16th
THIRD NIGHT, DECEMBER 18th
FOURTH & LAST NIGHT, DECEMBER 23rd
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MATINEE, DECEMBER 20th
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A Cup has kindly been presented for a Bogey Competition at Fanling on December 23rd, 24th and 25th. Entrance Fee of \$2.00 each round. Players may take out as many cards as they like during the three days. Proceeds to be given to War Charities.

MIXED FOURSOME
COMPETITION.

Two Cups have kindly been presented for a Mixed Foursome Competition on Boxing Day, 18 holes. Medal Play under Handicaps. Entrance Fee \$5.00 per couple. Proceeds to be given to War Charities. Players select their own opponents. Entries close at Fanling, December 24th, 10 a.m.